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1. Recently invitations were issued to a cross-section of Salvadoran political, professional, labor, and intellectual figures to attend a meeting of a Pro-Peace Congress sponsored by the Comité de Reorganización Obrera Sindical (CROS). The first indication of Castellanos' activity in Communist affairs since his return from Mexico was brought to light in connection with this scheduled meeting by the fact that his name was used on the invitations as a supporter of the meeting. However, despite issuance of the invitations, the meeting was abruptly cancelled by CROS leaders when they became convinced that there was a good possibility that the government would use this open display of Communist activity as an excuse for wholesale arrests and liquidation of leftists in El Salvador. Plans for the Congress have not been completely abandoned, and when the atmosphere appears more propitious they hope to proceed with their original project.

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